



## Yeovil Town Supporters Society Ltd (Glovers Trust)

### Minutes of meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

### at Club 94, Yeovil

#### Present

Stuart Burrell (SB), Terri Burt(TB), Simon Brimble (SBr), Vernon Edmonds (VE),  
Dean Mountain (DM), Dave Tolley (DT) (WhatsApp), Tom Axe (TA), Brendon Owen (BO) (minutes).

#### Apologies

Jon Hartley (JH)

#### Welcome and Opening remarks

SB opened the meeting at 7:30pm and wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Trust were enjoying an active period with a number of new members signing up.

With DT finding it difficult to hear over the Skype method, SB said it would be necessary to look at a better speaker system. DT indicated that in future he would attend all possible meetings.

DM was thanked for producing the last set of minutes.

#### Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were agreed.

#### Matters Arising

SB was still to send out the Easy Funding details.

**Action: SB to produce Easy Fundraising guidance notes.**

Following the sponsorship of Pen Mill Football Club, SBr was able to confirm that the kit was being made with Glovers Trust on it and the signage for Johnson Park Sports Club was being prepared.

SB had sent out to Board members the existing relevant long, medium and short term objectives of the Trust.

JH's proposed blueprint for a future strategy by YTFC had run into difficulties in downloading to Board members. SB would sort the problem and send it round.

**Action: SB to implement a mechanism whereby the blueprint document could be easily accessed by other Board members.**

TA confirmed that he was in the process of updating the Trust website and would be able to show the results at the next Board meeting.

#### Finances

DM indicated that there was a balance of £7669.20. He had nothing further to report.

### Membership

BO was pleased to announce a healthy increase in membership since that last meeting in December. There were now 154 adults and 18 youths. It was agreed not to alter the membership fee for the rest of the 18/19 year.

### 2019 Objectives and initiatives

SB expanded on the aims of the Trust for the forthcoming year and indicated that the proposed 'blue print' was an excellent marketing tool and was a good starting point for further development. The objectives for the year were in the long term to seek some form of shareholding in YTFC. In the medium term, to try and increase the membership numbers to 200 by the AGM. To seek an open forum for supporters to engage in a Q & A's session with those who run YTFC on an annual basis. In the short term to press YTFC regarding the future of the Marquee beyond September 2019 when the existing licence expires. To seek to continue to improve the match day experience.

**Action: SB to create a draft document to reflect these objectives.**

(DT found listening to the discussions on Skype to be very difficult and was re-connected by way of mobile phone).

### Alliance Meeting Agenda Items

SBr had prepared a list of items to place on the agenda for the next Alliance meeting on 9.1.19.

They included use of audio equipment at all meetings, a change in the issuing of minutes to restrict unnecessary delay, update on the written reply by the Club to the Trust letter of 31.10.18.

**Note – Alliance Meeting on 9.1.19 was cancelled due to YTFC staff availability.**

**Action: BO to draft a statement to be used jointly by supporter groups who were present at a meeting at HP on 11.12.18. He would liaise with Rich Rendell, Chairman of the Alliance Group and circulate the draft before the meeting on 9.1.19.**

TB related an incident that took place on 1.1.19 at HP. The game had ended, she had walked out of one of the exits towards the car park and realised that she could not find her car key. She returned to the exit and sought to enter and return to her seat to look for the key. A female steward put her arm out and stated that she was not allowed to re-enter. TB explained that she had passed the steward only seconds before and needed to try and find her key. The steward continued to refuse her access stating that she could be a terrorist bringing in a bomb. No consideration was given to TB's potential plight of being stranded at the stadium. Fortunately upon checking her pockets again the key was located. The Board agreed that this uncaring behaviour by the steward should be brought up at the Alliance meeting.

**Action: SB/SBr to raise this at the Supporters Alliance Meeting**

All Board members indicated how pleased they were with the close cooperation that had now been fostered with the Green & White Supporters Club and felt it was beneficial to the Alliance Group.

### Any Other Business

BO raised the possibility of a serious purchaser for HP and felt there was a need should a sale be approved by YTFC, to remind supporters that the Trust could implement the conditions of the community protection order with a view to engaging with the proposed purchasers and seeking agreement for greater supporter participation.

**Action: BO to confirm with SSDC the various time periods involved and to draft a statement to be used at some future time.**

TA advised that he had read on social media calls for some form of protest to take place at HP and some had called for the Trust to organise it. The Board were unanimous that it was not for the Trust

to arrange any protests. Should individuals wish to participate in this kind of action, that was for them.

BO advised that the designs for the new scarves had been sent to the manufacturer. The cost would be £2.95 each and hopefully there would be a 14 day turn around. 100 scarves had been ordered. Supporters Direct have offered the use of the Webinar to standardise methods of membership payments.

**Action: JH to arrange for a training session.**

SB had made contact with the DSA and offered to meet with them. Chairman Sharon Swain had agreed to come back to him following a meeting held on 2.1.19.

SB has made contact with Steve Sowden of the Yeovil Press. It was agreed to contract with him under the same terms as previous for the forthcoming 12 months. It was indicated that due to the successful nature of the paper it would now be printed monthly.

**Action: SB to contact Steve Sowden regarding a regular column from the Trust.**

SB had been invited by the W.G. to comment on the article it had run featuring an interview by Mr John Fry following the publication of the Alliance Group notes of the meeting of the 11.12.18. With considerable input by JH a lengthy and well-argued article was submitted. Publication was expected in the WG on 3.1.19.

#### Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting to take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.